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DESERT STORM SCAM

Was the Desert Storm War a big scam, by the rich people of Kuwait? Did they hire the U.S. and a few other nation's people as mercenaries? Did they again steal the land that was originally Iraq territory. Look at the big contracts they are now giving big corporations (B.C.'s) as pay-offs.

Impeach Bush?

Should the President of the United States, George Bush, be impeached? This would show the world that the American people are not war mongers and were not in favor of the invasion and destruction of Iraqi property and the killing of Iraqi people.

Should the public opinion polls be exposed as the farce and propaganda tool they are? They reflected whatever figures fitted the manipulators' pre-written war scenario.

If this impeachment is carried out, the B.C.'s could be exposed as the power behind the scene that started the war and PROFITED from it. Bush's role as front man and scapegoat could also be made clear. We can't really condemn the actor, George Bush. He just played his role of leader, just as the majority of American people played their roles, of helpless bystanders. This allowed the War Show to go on and allowed the B.C.'s to collect some BIG PROFITS before and during the war. They will collect Profits for a long time on reconstruction, repair and replacement contracts.

The basic reason for war should be publicized.

1. Wars keep the more competitive slaves, who are

engaged in business and industry, too busy increasing their Profits, to design an Utopian system.

2. Wars keep the consumers and consumer-workers fearful, angry and busy. When in these states, people are too preoccupied to think about freedom and they forget the Utopian dream, that they all have deep in their beings.

i.e. In plain and simple words -- wars keep people too scared, angry and busy to realize they are slaves and think about setting themselves free.

These facts have been known for a long time by a few people. As more people become aware, they pass the ideas on to more people. These revelations are now getting farther down the information sharing pyramid.

"Ignorance is of a peculiar nature; once dispelled, it is impossible to reestablish it. It is not originally a thing in itself, but is only the absence of knowledge; and though man may be kept ignorant, he cannot be made ignorant."

Thomas Paine (1791)

As in the "geometric progression of numbers," the farther an idea progresses down the information pyramid, the more the doubling effect is noticeable. That is, if I tell 2 people a secret and they each tell 2 more people, and these 4 each tell 2 more, and the 8 each do, and the 16 each do, the doubling process speeds up. As the idea of our slavery gets farther down the pyramid, informed people increase in numbers much faster.

Grunt Work

Sharing these freedom

ideas with my small mailing list sometimes seems like "grunt work," like it is ineffective and useless, but I must remember that the first stages of the information sharing pyramid are very slow. It is occasionally given a good shove by sharing these ideas with a real "shaker, mover and doer" because that person comes up with some better and faster ways of sharing ideas.

What we aim for is that point in numbers when we reach the critical mass state, where the secret explodes into common knowledge. At that point people take the quantum leap and jump on the band wagon. When large numbers of people publicly promote Utopia, people will lose their fear of ridicule and gain hope, that they can have Utopia if they go for it.

Boycott

Since this war started, I turned on the radio a few times a day to note the war's progress and observe how the mass media handled it. About a day or so after the fighting stopped a radio commentator reported that, consumer spending had been at an all time low for the last couple of weeks. It may be possible that the 3,000 copies of LFP #82 (the Boycott issue) that I sent out, (all over the U.S.) about a week after the war started, had some effect. Some people wrote and said that they were boycotting the B.C.'s and had copies made and distributed. I sent copies to some of the big international media, so news of our boycott action did reach top people. They did know why we were boycotting them. They did notice their loss in sales as reported on their mass media.

We may never know how many months or years their original War Game Plan called for. They will never tell us if our boycott was effective in getting them to shorten the war to its 42 days. We must remember that, at some point, it takes only one more straw to break the camel's back. We may have been that straw.

Each of us can decide if it would be more productive to use our time to impeach the President and expose the Profiteers or use our time to begin creating Utopia.

A big impeachment movement against Bush would transfer the guilt of this war from the shoulders of the Profiteers to Bush. It would also allow the citizens of the U.S., England and other U.N. nations to transfer their guilt (for allowing the war) to the scapegoat.

An impeachment could be dragged out for years (like the Nixon impeachment) and be used as a smoke screen to cover up the preparations for their next target War, which is no doubt, already on their drawing boards.

The Trimtab newsletter* displayed Fuller's "Grand Strategy of World Problem Solving." This chart showed the continuous overlapping of wars since the beginning of the Korean War. Think of all the money the Profiteers have made supplying governments for all those wars! But the war against Iraq takes the cake. It was reported that they dropped more tons of bombs on Iraq in those 42 days than both sides dropped in the entire WWII. With today's prices of bombs, compared to bomb prices in the 1940's -- the Profiteers must have done quite well for themselves in this short war. And in addition, think how much more Profit they will make when they replenish the now di-

minished bomb stockpiles.

The quick activation and mobilization of anti-war demonstrations no doubt had some halting effect on the war plans. The almost immediate appearance of pro-war demonstrations was a new twist in the war planners strategy. To have so many pro-war demonstrators ready so soon was unreal. It took a lot of pre-planning by the government.

Propaganda

The propaganda methods used in the mass media were alarmingly different. The more wars they stage, the more they learn how to manipulate the public. It's almost like a war within a war. The people fighting their own government trying to get it to behave (to quit war). The government fighting its citizens so that it can continue the profiteers' wars.

Fighting our government, fighting with our mates or fighting with lawyers keeps us too busy, frustrated, fearful and angry to do any creative thinking, learning and to make progress toward building Utopia.

They squelched our Utopian dream years ago by telling us that Utopia meant perfection and that perfection was impossible -- therefor Utopia was impossible. Clever bastards, weren't they. If we look at Utopia as, not a perfect society, but as one that is as near to perfect as we can make it -- then we can start working on it.

We can't expect to fulfill our age old dream of Utopia unless we put some energy and time into attempting to build it. We each have only "X" number of hours of "free time" each day. If we use that time fighting, we won't have the "free time" nor the energy left to help build the Utopia of our dreams.

How to Build Utopia

People who have enough surplus money (or income

from investments, pensions or whatever), to live without working for money, can quit their jobs (if they are still working) and spend full time helping create Utopia. (This is what I do.) They can start from scratch and figure out what is wrong with the present world system. They can read what others think is wrong and form their own conclusions. They can read about the systems that others have written about. They can read about the Priceless Economic System that I came up with. They may come up with a much better system. They can decide which system seems the best to them and then figure out ways to both live it and promote it. We have been relying on "experts" too long. Look at the mess it has gotten us into. We can probably do better by figuring things out for ourselves, because it's our freedom we're talking about.

People who still have kids to rear and need to work for money to support them, can do just as they are doing now. But they can set aside some "free time" each day to study the situation as mentioned above and spend whatever "free time" they have, attempting to live their Utopia and promote it. Using "free time" in this manner may prove to be more profitable, more pleasurable and more satisfying in the long run, than allowing their minds to be led astray by TV, movies, videos, sports or the other mass media trivia.

There are single people and couples without children, who want a better system but still need to work for money to survive. They can create "free time" for themselves by disengaging their minds from the entertainments of the mass media. They can begin to fill that space with the above methods of figuring out the present system and finding

* Buckminster Fuller Institute newsletter, Winter 1990.

a better one and spending time promoting it.

The Profit/Wage System, through the use of mass media trivia, has retarded the growth of peoples minds. It continuously entices people to go into debt. It is directing the evolution of our social structure to the acceptance of violence, wars, suppressive government and a lower living standard. Slaves love this mind conditioning. It makes them forget their misery. It tells them what to do. They don't need to make decisions. They only need to decide which mind leader to watch. I know! I love it too. I had to give my TV set away 20 years ago because I couldn't resist it. I still have to watch myself if I get near a TV set.

People can create more independence (more money) for themselves by cutting back on their spending and by re-evaluating what they now consider necessities. Getting rid of credit cards and buying only with cash helps too. This also applies to large purchases like land or a car. Save up your money and buy just a small place or an old car for cash. Then you have no interest to pay. Make a list of all the interest you pay out each month. The total may amaze you. Look how much more money you will have when you get rid of your debts. Buy more acreage later when you get the cash. Or sell your little, all-paid-for estate after you get it set up, and then buy more acreage for cash. Build just a garage to live in at first or buy an old house trailer or school bus, until you get more cash. I know of people who did this in the big depression of the 30's and it worked fine. They were much more independent and secure than the others. This way you won't have a mortgage.

Some people have already escaped to the country and

bought a few acres of land and built little homesteads. Some took most of their building materials from their land. Some used logs, stones, bricks, sod, rammed earth, thatched huts, etc., just as the Indians or the pioneers did.

Soon they had gardens and a few animals so they didn't need much outside income. Some discovered they had skills that were salable in their area. When many got ahead of the game they got bored and turned to dope and/or became "Yuppies," and got high paying jobs and increased their consuming. Some used their free time to fight the system. Some wasted it. Some used that free time to build a better system. We each makes our choice.

The word, "mortgage," is an euphemism for Indentured Slavery. I don't think many people realize the leverage that debts (mortgages, loans, unpaid bills and high rent) have on people. The more debts one has, the less freedom one has. One must take shit from the boss if s/he has debts. The person without debts and a little stash of cash, can tell the boss to "Fuck off!" The boss knows this and thus treats that employee with respect. Usually that independent worker has chosen a job s/he enjoys and is a better worker and besides that, it takes time and money to train a new worker. A good and independent worker has a lot more power over the job than vice versa.

Reducing expenses, proportionately reduces the need to work for money, thereby one creates more free time. Refusing to go into debt and focusing on getting out of debt (one way or another), might even reduce stress and thereby reduce ones drinking and medical bills, which in turn would save more money and time. There has been many a

lost week-end from drinking. Smoking pot may be even worse, because then one just gives up and says, "Why bother?" They lay back, spread their legs, and let the world fuck them over. The government encourages this by having a law against pot, knowing that radicals will defy the law and smoke themselves out of effective action. In the book, "Brave New World," workers were given dope called "soma" to keep them from rebelling. Are we now in that predicted world?

Even if one uses only one hour per day on their Utopia Project -- it is progress. Much more beneficial than using that hour fighting the present system or soaking up TV, sports or video movies.

Creating Utopia

One way we might proceed is to try to envision what Utopia would be like. Then try to figure out what work we would like to do and how we would live in that Utopian society. The more we can picture that world and our place in it, the better we can plan our present life. It is said that,

"The end that we desire is the means to that end."

In other words, we should start living as much as we can, right now, the way we wish to live in Utopia. In Utopia I wish to be an observer, a Mr. Fixit, a writer and publisher, i.e., a person who watches and if he sees ways that the Utopia can be improved, he publishes his findings and leaves it to the people to do as they please with his suggestions. I can see myself doing this work in Utopia as a volunteer.

Because of my Social Security (SS) retirement pension and my small savings, I can and do devote full-time to this work right now as a self-guided volunteer. I have already experienced 22 years of this volunteer work

without pay. I have discovered how much more fun it is to volunteer than when I worked for pay or profit. I now have much more freedom and control over the how, when, where, what, why and who of my work and that is saying much more than you can realize -- until you try it.

Our job, is the main place where our freedom or our slavery exists.

With everyone working as a volunteer and giving his/her product or service free of charge -- everything will be free for everyone. Then there will be no Profit in war, polluting, stealing or in causing people to starve. Then there will be no need for governments. You can't possibly imagine how many billions of tons of our earth's resources that governments waste, nor can you imagine the billions of person-hours of labor that governments waste. Our Utopia will be very nearly a Paradise. And the beauty of it is that we can have it, if we set aside our many diversions and roll up our sleeves and put our "free time" to use, creating it in our own lifestyles right now.

My War

We fight our biggest and most important war with our self. At least I do. I have such a hard time getting my self to do some of the things that I think would make me happy. And getting my self up off my dead ass, out of some of my old habits -- it is very difficult sometimes. Learning to make changes in my life is fun, but it ain't easy, baby, but it is worth the effort and the agony.

I have been trying to get my self to change my lifestyle to that of a Sea Gypsy for several years. I think I have now convinced my self that I could do my Utopian work even more effectively from a sail boat. So

I'm going to attempt to leave soon for Miami to buy a small used sail boat. Many times I have talked my self out of this dream. We shall see.

People's Media

The Desert Storm War has helped some of us see the need for the people to have their own news media. We couldn't believe hardly any of the war reports we got from TV, radio and the major papers and magazines. This helps us to see how very important it is for us to publish our own little paper, videos or whatever is within our means and talents. We need to share truth and expose what "they" are doing.

Cancun

I lucked out on a \$99 round trip flight to Mexico. I got my teeth fixed in Merida and a week's vacation from winter.

Book Review

by Neal Keating

I WAS ROBOT (Utopia Now Possible) by Ernest Mann from Little Free Press - \$7.95 postpaid.

At the core of Ernest Mann's liberatory project is the theory (and propagation thereof) of what he calls, "The Priceless Economic System (PES)." No theory of reform, the PES is calculated to replace entirely the Wages/profit economy currently dominating the planet, through the basic act of removing the price tags from everything, including labor, sex, food, drugs and rock n roll. Whatever work we do, we do for free, and whatever needs we have, we fulfill for free. What is lost in the PES is the profit motive and the need for money. What is gained is a modern gift-economy.

When the PES is put into effect, about 75% of the current labor force will be freed up (Paul Goodman would argue more like 95%) from work, these jobs becoming obsolete. Thus, there would be little work left, and owing to the absence of the relentless need to create a profit, what work remains will probably cease to be like work at all, but more like play. Gone would be the endless humiliation of selling yourself, timeclocks and general alienation and misery brought on by spending most of your life doing something you don't really care about in the least.

Central to the PES is the idea of abundance in our midst. Here Mann quotes heavily from Bucky Fuller in suggesting that there are more than enough raw materials to provide for a sensual, even aristocratic lifestyle for everybody on Earth, but that through a wages/profit economy, this abundance has been funnelled into a model of scarcity, for the main reason of maximizing profits. The flesh that disappears off a starving body reappears as an increase in a bank account in Switzerland.

What stands out in this particular refusal of the totality of this society is that it comes with a blueprint attached, flawed though it be, for a kind of new amorous world that can be built on the ashes of the horror that is today. Maybe the bad days will end.

Subliminals: Someone sent me the tape, "On Subliminals" by Dan Junker, put out by Scriptures for America, Box 766, Laporte, CO 80535, warning people about the subliminal messages that are in music tapes, records, church bulletins, magazine and newspaper pictures and drawings. They said that all the top 10 songs are loaded with hidden messages. It was a good reminder. Years ago I read "Subliminal Seduction" and "Media Sexploitation" by Wilson Bryan Key. He explained subliminals in great detail. I rarely listen to music any more unless it's played by a friend.

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